

JACKSON COUNTY REAP COMMITTEE – FY 2004

Membership on the Jackson County REAP Committee follows the guidelines of the Iowa Resource Enhancement and Protection Act.

October 2002 - October 2003

Chair – Clayton Pederson, Bellevue

V. chair – Daryl Parker, Bellevue

Secy. – Ann Burns, Maquoketa

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The Jackson County REAP Committee met once during FY 2004. The date of the meeting was: August 5, 2003. The minutes of this meetings are on file at the Jackson County Board of Supervisors Office in Maquoketa.

REAP Programs During FY 2004

CONSERVATION EDUCATION; The Jackson County REAP committee supports efforts to provide opportunities for local educators to attend environmental education programs. The committee also supports continued programs in environmental education for the schools and public through the Jackson County Conservation Board, the Jackson County Soil Conservation Service, the Jackson County Historical Society, and other agencies.

Projects:

1. Encourage Jackson County Conservation and other agencies to support environmental education through both formal and informal learning opportunities. The committee also encourages continued learning opportunities for area school teachers.

COUNTY CONSERVATION; The Jackson County REAP Committee supports Jackson County Conservation's projects and priorities. The board is committed to protection of significant natural areas in the county. High priority is given to areas along the forks of the Maquoketa River, areas adjacent to existing management areas, and areas important to threatened or endangered species. The board is always evaluating their current management areas in regard to facilities and habitat improvement needs. The board also continues to offer environmental education opportunities to students, residents and visitors to the Jackson County area.

Projects during FY 2004 include:

1. **Naturalist Intern position** – This position has been a year round part time position since FY 2002. The person in this position assists the JCCB naturalist in presenting educational programs, preparing the quarterly newsletter, providing information to the residents of Jackson County, and developing new programs and activities. In addition the person in this position has helped with developing volunteer projects and natural area management projects. This intern position also provides essential work experience to students who are interested in the conservation field.

2. Hurstville Interpretive Center – Jackson County Conservation received a grant through the County Competitive Grant program for \$82,407 to assist with the construction of the Hurstville Interpretive Center. Ninety percent of the grant award, \$74,166.30, was received in FY 2004 (12-3-2003). The remainder was received after the completion of the project. The Hurstville Interpretive Center was under construction from the fall of 2003 through the end of FY 2004 and is located one mile north of Maquoketa along US Highway 61.
3. Beck Purchase – Richardson Timber Area – This is a 4.3 acre addition to the Richardson Timber Area in southern Jackson County. The acquisition, from Alverda Beck will allow the Conservation Board to provide public access to a previously land-locked parcel which had been donated to the Conservation Board by Nevada Richardson. The purchase, completed with county conservation allocation funds, totaled \$14,226.
4. Big Mill Homestead – This project, an HRDP grant project utilized \$3,600 from the REAP program to replace deteriorated windows at the Big Mill Homestead located 5 miles west of Bellevue. This project was a carry over project from FY 2002.

**FY 2004 REAP Budget
Jackson County Conservation**

Revenue for FY 2004

Balance remaining from FY 2003	\$29,176
FY 2003 REAP allocation payments in FY 2004	\$ 312
County Conservation Allocations FY 2004	\$11,483
County competitive grant	\$74,166
HRDP grant	\$ 3,600
Interest on account	<u>\$ 147</u>
Total revenue	\$118,884

Expenditures for FY 2004

Naturalist Intern position	\$ 6,397
Hurstville Interpretive Center	\$74,166
Beck Purchase	\$14,226
Big Mill Homestead	<u>\$ 3,600</u>
Total expenditures	\$98,389
BALANCE	\$20,495
(as of 6/30/2004)	

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FY04 REAP Expenditure Plan
Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Not obligated</u>
REAP Practices	\$13,818.00	\$7,087.50	\$6,300.00	\$430.50
REAP Forestry/Native Grasses	4,992.00	2,625.00	1,777.50	589.50
TOTALS	\$18,810.00	\$9,712.50	\$8,077.50	\$1,020.00

DNR LAND MANAGEMENT: The Jackson County REAP committee feels the protection and wise development of the current state managed areas within the county is a high priority. Proper development will protect each area's resources, and at the same time provide a quality experience for users of the areas.

Projects: No DNR Land Management Account projects were completed in Jackson County in FY 2004

DNR OPEN SPACES: The Jackson County REAP Committee feels the acquisition of land with significant habitat or wildlife value, and buffer lands for existing DNR property is an important means of providing outdoor recreation opportunities for citizens of Jackson County.

Projects: No DNR Open Spaces projects were completed in Jackson County in FY 2004

HISTORICAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: The Jackson County REAP Committee supports the preservation of significant historical resources within the county.

Projects: A project using HRDP funds to replace windows on the Big Mill Homestead was completed by the Jackson County Conservation Board. This activity was reported under the County Conservation portion of this report.

ROADSIDE VEGETATION: The Jackson County REAP Committee encourages the use of integrated roadside vegetation management along roadways in Jackson County.

No projects were completed in FY 2004

No projects are proposed for FY 2005

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Vice Chair, Jackson Co. REAP Committee
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August 9, 2005

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Secy. Jackson Co. REAP Committee

August 7, 2005

**COUNTY CONSERVATION PROJECTS
PLANNED FOR FY 2004-2005**

Revenue for FY 2005

County Competitive Grant (final payment)	\$11,240
County Conservation Allocation	\$10,000
Balance from FY 2004	<u>\$20,495</u>
Total	\$41,735

Expenditures for FY 2005

Hurstville Interpretive Center	\$11,240
Naturalist Intern position	\$20,050
Historic Site maintenance (Millrock shutters)	\$ 220
Roads (rock road to Hurstville Fishing Pond)	<u>\$ 3,600</u>
Total	\$35,110

CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: The Jackson county REAP committee encourages cities to acquire open space for their residents, and to provide protection of their resources while providing an enjoyable experience for users of the area.

Projects for FY 2004

The City of Maquoketa submitted a grant in August of 2003 for a pedestrian trail along the Maquoketa River within the City of Maquoketa. The 2,700' long trail will include asphalt and concrete surfaces. The total project cost is \$208,200. The city received notice in FY 2004 that they were awarded their grant request of \$100,000.

Projects planned for FY 2005

The City of Maquoketa will continue work on the pedestrian trail project which received funding in FY 2004.

SOIL AND WATER ENHANCEMENT: The Jackson County REAP committee strongly supports the Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District's projects for the protection of our soil and water resources.

Projects:

1. Administer the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program, and Water Protection Fund (WPF) program to provide cost share assistance in water quality practices.
2. Continue implementation of Water Quality Projects such as the Upper big Mill Creek Watershed to demonstrate and encourage water quality practices.
3. To provide funds, if available, and technical assistance to livestock producers for better manure handling for better water quality.